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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**TRAY FOR TRANSPORTING VEHICLE WHEELS AND/OR WHEEL RIMS, AND  
ASSOCIATED ASSEMBLY AND SUPPORT.**

the specification of which

is attached hereto  
OR  
 was filed on 03/15/2004 as United States Application No. 10/800,839.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and direct that all correspondence be addressed to that Customer Number.

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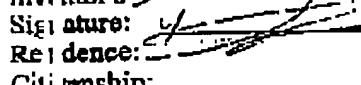
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